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I Sum over paid
Baltimore

Rev. James B. Finley
Sub-agent to the Wyandott Mission
Mission House
Upper Sandusky

Ohio.

Baltimore. 2nd Dec. 1824

My dear bro. Finley Two days ago I received your grateful letter dated 10th Nov^r; I am only sorry it did not arrive sooner, seeing the circumstances you are in, & also sorry that it will be so long before you receive this answer; - however, "late is better than never."

I sincerely sympathize with you in your labours & afflictions; & immediately set about raising you the Fifty Dollars you requested, which I have done without its encroaching at all on our Missionary funds, so that you may apply it as your prudence shall direct, without charging yourself with it in your Missionary account. I was with Bro. Hadden yesterday, consulting on the best way of sending it to you; - you may remember him, as I sent you to him about the Mockapoons; he is one of our most respectable merchants, in the Main Street, & one of the richest men in our Society. He thought that it would be unsafe to transmit it by the Post, even in half notes, because so many accidents occur; but suggested that you should draw on him for the amount, payable

at sight; this draft he says you would easily get the money for among any of the Store keepers in the Western country, as it is an object of importance with them to have funds Eastward where they buy their goods; - I know there was a Mr. Davenport, of Danville who accompanied Mr. M. R., who is largely in this business; - if that place is near you, he would no doubt give you the amt., but any other Store keeper would be glad of it; - indeed Mr. Harden says you would be able to sell the draft & get a premium for it. - You will therefore now know how to act, & I hope you will find no difficulty; - if you should however, you must yourself strike out some other way by which I can send it, & I will immediately attend to it.

I am glad you are doing so well; may the Lord suit your back to your heavy burden! How could I send my boy some thing? - And what would you like me to send? - A suit of clothes? - But then I can't know his measure, nor the kind of clothes you would like. - Write to me again very

soon, & let me know.

Mr. Harden's christian name is Samuel, so you will know how to draw; - or you may draw on me if you would rather; - but I can say that many Western traders will know him better.

Believe me, tho' in great haste,
yet with much affection.

Your sincere friend
J. Sumner